

PLEASE do not lessen the the no-call laws in our State. I don't need new windows and doors, carpets cleaned or the chimney swept. What I DO NEED is the respect and privacy of the phone line I am paying for. Telemarketers don't pay for my phone service, I DO! Case in point: In September of 2000, my Father-in-Law was tragically killed in an automobile accident. He lived in Florida, was to be buried in Indiana and relatives all over the country to be notified. My phone rang off the hook and many times, it was telemarketers. This during a MOST difficult time when time was of the essence. I had his funeral luncheon here at my home for 80+ people.....and the phone kept ringing. WHAT a most inopportune time to sell me something I didn't want or need. It's harrassment in it's basest form. Maybe if telemarketers had to pay a 50 cent charge to the owner of the phone they were calling, they would be a little more circumspect in whom they were calling and what they were trying to sell! I opted to have my name put in the no-call list so that calls starting at 6:30 AM and going till almost midnight were stopped. Do I not have that right to protect my privacy and the integrity of my home environment?? I think so! Keep the laws in place and if anything, make them even stronger. Good business respects the rights of the consumer and these telemarketers respect nothing but the bottom line and the money in their pockets. To hell with who they annoy and at any time of the day. That's their credo.....is it yours?